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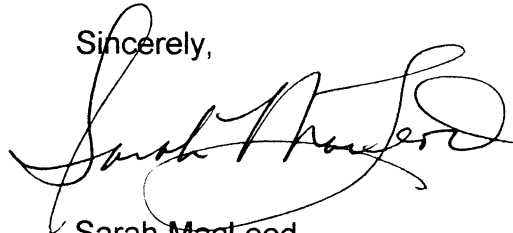
Dear Mr. Gardner:

Please accept my apologies for taking so long to forward this Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee for General Aviation and Air Carrier Maintenance Issues document entitled "Maintenance and Preventive Maintenance Training Programs".

During its December 13, 1996 meeting, the ARAC for Maintenance Issues voted unanimously to exclude the second sentence at Paragraph 5(b) in its entirety from the document. (I have highlighted the sentence for your convenience). After that unanimous decision, the ARAC voted 6 to 5 to forward the document to the Federal Aviation Administration for further disposition. Several comments in opposition of the document were made part of the ARAC's minutes.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate contacting me.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Chair for the Aviation Rulemaking  
Advisory Committee for General Aviation  
and Air Carrier Maintenance Issues

cc: ARAC for Maintenance Issues (w/o enclosure)  
David Higginbotham (w/o enclosure)